

Prayer Week 1

Getting to Know God Thru Prayer

Psalm 5:1-3 (NLT)

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Why People Don't Pray More

1. Not sure on how to pray
2. Get Bored or Distracted while trying to pray
3. Think what you are praying about isn't important enough
4. Not sure your prayers will make a difference.

What Is Prayer?

Prayer Is *Communicating* With God

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Talk To God

1. With Gut-Level *Honesty*

²² Then Moses went back to the Lord and protested, "Why have you brought all this trouble on your own people, Lord? Why did you send me? ²³ Ever since I came to Pharaoh as your spokesman, he has been even more brutal to your people. And you have done nothing to rescue them!" – Exodus 5:22-23 (NLT)

⁵ "When you pray, don't be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them. I tell you the truth,

that is all the reward they will ever get... ⁷ “When you pray, don’t babble on and on as the Gentiles do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again. – Matthew 6:5, 7 (NLT)

2. About *Everything* That Matters To You

⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. – Phil. 4:6 (NIV)

⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. – 1 Peter 5:7 (NIV)

3. *Continually*

⁶ Always be joyful. ¹⁷ Never stop praying. ¹⁸ Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus. – 1 Thess. 5:16-18 (NLT)

**Pray,
Until,
Something,
Happens**

¹² As she kept on praying to the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. ¹³ Hannah was praying in her heart, and her lips were moving but her voice was not heard. – 1 Samuel 1:12-13a (NIV)

4. And *Listen* For His Response

¹² And after the earthquake there was a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there was the sound of a gentle whisper. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. – 1 Kings 19:12-13 (NLT)

²⁷ My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. – John 10:27 (NLT)